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### **PIO update**

This spring brings many opportunities to share in celebration at Minot State University.

At the Employee Appreciation Luncheon April 26, colleagues marking five-year increments of service and those receiving MSU Board of Regents Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards will be recognized. Congratulations to all award winners and all MSU employees for their service to students and the community!

The Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration, an intercultural event honoring the Class of 2012 and their families, is April 27-28. This is an unforgettable event focusing on diversity and appreciation.

Individuals do not have to be alumni to attend the MSU Alumni Gala April 27 at the Holiday Inn, Riverside. Tickets for this elegant evening of music, auction and fine dining go quickly. Call the Alumni Office at 858-3234 to reserve a seat, and thus, raise money for scholarships.

Spring would not be complete without congratulating students who reached the end of their formal education at MSU. Commencement is May 11 at 10 a.m. in the Dome.

— *Linda Benson,*  
*public information specialist*

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## **MSU mesmerized Dakota Square**

Nearly 40 Minot State University groups participated in the sixth annual MSU at the Mall, which provided an excellent opportunity for MSU to showcase its students, academic programs, services, student organizations and other university entities to the community.

The theme for the event was engagement as students from special education classes involved young and old in its unique projects. The Science Club demonstrated how putty is made with two simple ingredients, and MSU's Jazz Ensemble energized the Sears Court with its fabulous musical selections. Other highlights included the potter's wheel, nursing students giving free blood pressure checks and coffee tasting from the future Beaver Brew Café.

## **MSU summer and fall registration underway**

Although spring just began, Minot State University officials are already looking ahead to summer and fall registration for undergraduate, online, distance education and graduate classes. Current students are encouraged to register via CampusConnection by May 1. Orientation and registration for transfer and first year students begins May 31 by invitation only.

MSU has over 60 undergraduate and 10 graduate programs, with new offerings unfolding every year. New programs for 2012-13 include energy economics and finance, early childhood development, bioinformatics majors and an art history minor. MSU also offers an education specialist degree in school psychology.

For more information, visit [www.Askmsu.com](http://www.Askmsu.com) or call 858-3350 or 800-777-0750.

## NDCPD selects interdisciplinary interns

Four Minot State University students, Breanna Benson, Minot, Gabi Dolinski, Regina, Saskatchewan, BriAnna Menge, Reynolds, and Taryn Schaff-Jarzah, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, are participating in the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities' interdisciplinary internship program during the 2012 spring semester. These students were enrolled in the "Disability in Society" course during the fall semester and were selected for the internship program, based on an application and an interview with the selection committee.

NDCPD's internship enables interns to observe content from the "Disability in Society" class in real-life situations. They also gain hands-on experience to support individuals with disabilities and their families through their participation in the following types of activities:

- Observing interdisciplinary clinics
- Shadowing staff on NDCPD projects
- Attending seminars presented by professionals from nationwide Centers for Persons with Disabilities
- Developing resources for NDCPD projects
- Observing disability-support providers in the community
- Promoting awareness about disability issues across the MSU campus

For questions about the "Disability in Society" class or NDCPD's internship training program, contact JoLynn Webster at 858-3206 or [jolynn.webster@minotstateu.edu](mailto:jolynn.webster@minotstateu.edu).



Benson



Dolinski



Menge



Schaff-Jarzah

## Deadline for 2012 BOR achievement award nominations is Thursday

Nominations for Minot State University Board of Regents faculty and staff achievement awards are due in the Office of the President by Thursday (April 5). There are separate forms, criteria and selection committees for each award:

•Faculty: Nominations may be made by anyone knowledgeable about the achievement and contributions of the faculty member. Self-nominations are allowed. Self-nominations must include an endorsement by a faculty member or supervisor. Nominations must be specific for the area of teaching, scholarship or service and must include a one-page supporting narrative.

•Staff: Nominations may be made by anyone knowledgeable about the staff member. A description of the personal characteristics and accomplishments of the nominee must be provided.

More specific details are contained on the nomination forms. The forms may be found on the MSU website under the faculty and staff section, <http://www.minotstateu.edu/faculty.shtml>. The awards will be presented at the MSU Employee Appreciation Banquet, April 26.

## Rotary and Rotaract planting hope

Minot State University Rotarians and MSU students, who belong to Rotaract, are participating in a Rotary project, "Rotary Planting Hope."

During the 2011 Souris River Flood, more than 4,100 Minot homes and yards sustained damage. The flood waters covered yards and parks for nearly a month and left behind silt, sand and mud; it killed all of the grass.

Minot's cleanup and rebuilding process will take years. Minot Rotary Clubs are helping with the cleanup and rebuilding process by fundraising to purchase grass seed. One yard requires 30 pounds of grass seed, which costs \$45. The grass seed will be donated to homeowners and the Minot Park District.

To donate, mail contribution to Rotary Planting Hope, PO Box 1504, Minot, N.D., 58702.

For questions, contact Wendy Thomas, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities community services coordinator at [wendy.thomas@minotstateu.edu](mailto:wendy.thomas@minotstateu.edu).



## FYE award nominations accepted through April 11

The First-Year Experience program is seeking nominations for its two annual awards: Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate award and Peer Mentor of the Year award. These awards can be completed online at [http://www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/nomination\\_form\\_1.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/nomination_form_1.shtml) (advocate award) and [http://www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/nomination\\_form\\_2.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/nomination_form_2.shtml) (peer mentor award). The deadline to submit awards is April 11 at 4:30 p.m.

The Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate award recognizes faculty, staff or administrators who have gone above and beyond to ensure student success for undergraduate first-year students. The university community is invited to nominate someone who serves as an activist and/or supporter for first-year students. The nominee should be someone who is passionate about new students' acclimation and overall success. Anyone affiliated with the university may nominate someone for an Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate award.

The purpose of the Peer Mentor of the Year award is to recognize and encourage outstanding achievement by peer mentors working with FYE learning community students. This award provides an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to express appreciation for mentors who set positive examples for students and support Minot State University's mission and vision. Only those who have instructed or participated in a FYE learning community may nominate a peer mentor for the Peer Mentor of the Year award.

For questions, contact Jessica Smestad, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning tutoring and mentoring coordinator, at 858-4039 or [jessica.smestad@minotstateu.edu](mailto:jessica.smestad@minotstateu.edu).

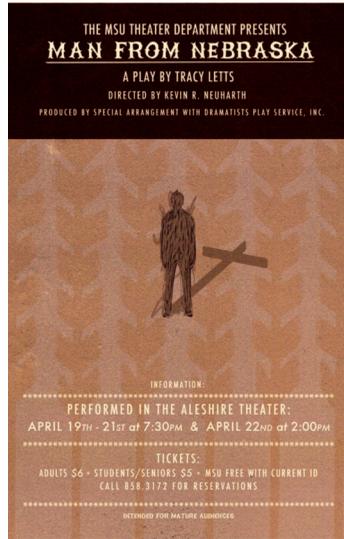
## 'Man From Nebraska' deals with loss and redemption

The excitement of live theatre awaits the audience with the Minot State University Program of Theatre's performance of American playwright Tracy Letts' "Man From Nebraska" April 19-22. The play, which is directed by Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communication arts and director of theatre, runs April 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. and April 22 at 2 p.m.

"Man From Nebraska" is about a man's loss of faith and his journey to regain it. Ken Carpenter, previously a devoted Baptist, undergoes a spiritual crisis. The play details his voyage of self-discovery in London.

Intended for mature audiences, the production is in Aleshire Theater. For reservations, call 858-3172.

For questions, contact Brittany Armstrong at [brittany.armstrong@my.minotstateu.edu](mailto:brittany.armstrong@my.minotstateu.edu).

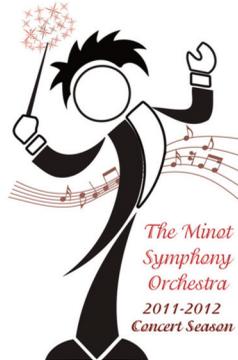


## Symphony ends 'The Dance' April 21

The Minot Symphony Orchestra's 2011-2012 season wraps up April 21 with the pops concert "Can I Have This Dance?" This year's theme, "The Dance: Celebration of 10 Years," commemorates Maestro Dennis Simons' 10 years as conductor of the orchestra.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Members of the Armed Forces will be saluted, and the concert concludes with the famous "Stars and Stripes Forever" by legendary American composer John Philip Sousa.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$20. The price for senior citizens is \$15 single; students 12-18, \$10 single; children, \$5 single.



## Campus cleanup is April 23

Campus Cleanup Day is April 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Sustainability Committee will have a table in the Quad where people can obtain gloves and trash bags. This year, cleaners will receive two bags — one for recyclable items and another for trash. Green businesses and vendors will also have booths.

Two speakers, Dave Ell and Joe Super, will discuss water quality in Minot, pre and post-flood. Ell is from the State Department of Health, and Super teaches at Minot High School and monitors the Souris River with his students each year.

## International Film Series continues

The 2011-2012 Minot State University International Film Series continues with the theme of "Migrations: The Journeys Each of Us Takes."

A foreign language faculty member will introduce each film. All films, which will be followed by a discussion period, are at 7:30 p.m. and free to all. The dates, titles and locations of this semester's remaining films are:

- Tuesday (April 10) — "Kolya," Memorial 114
- May 1 — "Monsieur Ibrahim," Memorial 114

There will be a prize drawing at each screening for a \$20 dinner gift certificate to an area international restaurant.

For questions, contact Scott Sigel, assistant Spanish professor and foreign languages coordinator, at 858-4265 or [scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu](mailto:scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu).

## 2012 Research Poster Session invite

Faculty and students are invited to share their research and scholarly work at the 2012 Research Poster Session April 24 in the Student Center Atrium, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

In addition to the poster presentations, a collection of research abstracts will be published again this year.

For questions, contact Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and research and sponsored programs, at 858-3250 or [linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu](mailto:linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu).

## Employee appreciation event is April 26

All Minot State University faculty and staff members are invited and encouraged to attend the annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon April 26, noon-2 p.m. in the Dome. President David Fuller has advised supervisors to close offices where feasible to ensure the fullest attendance possible. Join colleagues as those marking five-year increments of service and those receiving Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards will be honored.

## Alumni Association plans premier Gala event

It is the Alumni Association's perennial favorite, the 29th annual Gala Dinner and Auction on April 27 at Minot's Holiday Inn, Riverside. The social and auction preview begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:45 p.m. The \$50 tickets include a gourmet dinner, and the attire for this event is semi-formal.

Successful bidders may win artwork by Floyd Fairweather, professor emeritus. Other items include Disney World passes, a hand-painted chair, sports memorabilia and a furniture set.

Net proceeds help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association. Reservations by April 20 are strongly suggested, as this event has sold out in the past. Tickets may be obtained by calling 858-3234.

*Gala*

## MSU hosted 2012 TRUMPET Summit

Minot State University's Division of Music hosted the 2012 TRUMPET Summit, featuring guest artist John Hagstrom and composer Robert J. Bradshaw March 31-April 1. TRUMPET stands for The Regional Upper Midwest Performance and Educational Trumpet Summit.

Founded in spring 2008 between the University of North Dakota and University Minnesota-Duluth as a collegial event, TRUMPET has grown to include more than seven regional U.S. universities. The annual event rotates to different locations providing different venues each year and typically includes approximately 50 participants from various universities. TRUMPET intercollegiate trumpet ensembles have performed at two consecutive International Trumpet Guild Conferences, earning international performing credit in Sydney, Australia, for their performance at the 2010 and the 2011 International Trumpet Guild Conference.

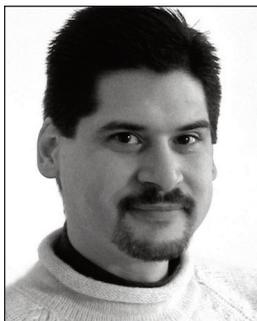
"The annual event has grown into a passionate community of regional partners interested in expanding this region's offerings to include world renowned guest artists and a composer-in-residence. Organized by fellow trumpet teachers, we understand the importance of providing quality opportunities for our students without breaking the bank," said Mark Boren, MSU instructor of high brass. "This annual event provided just such an offering that is easy and affordable."

A native Chicagoan, Hagstrom has been with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra since 1996. Previously, he was principal trumpet of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, Kansas, and served as assistant professor of trumpet at Wichita State University. As a Chicago teacher, he led the trumpet studio at DePaul University from 1996 until 2008. He also studied at the Eastman School of Music and served six years in "The President's Own" United States Marine Band in Washington, D.C., with three years as principal trumpet. His many solo appearances with the band included four national concert tours. In 2006 he released his first solo CD.

Bradshaw's compositions have been performed and recorded throughout the world. Commissions from organizations, ensembles and artists have kept Bradshaw's music on the stage since 1989. A commission of particular note is the Australian Trumpet Guild's commission of the opera "Gabriel," which was honored with a grant from the American Music Center, named winner of a Boston Metro Opera Mainstage Award, recorded by the Palmetto Camerata and premiered in concert at the 35th annual Conference of the International Trumpet Guild. His discography lists more than 17 commercially released CDs, and he has scored more than 25 film, television, radio and multimedia projects. He



*Hagstrom*



*Bradshaw*

owns an editing and mastering facility and administers the Beauport Classical record label, dedicated to helping composers release their music on CD.

Activities included a solo recital, a master class/clinic and a feature performance, accompanied by selected students. Students participated in intercollegiate trumpet ensembles, a master class/clinic, round table discussions, rehearsals, performances and networking. Faculty contributed through trumpet ensemble performances in the Sunday Summit Showcase Concert, a panel discussion and participation in clinic events.

Events were organized around the showcase concert, which featured student ensemble performances from university trumpet studios, intercollegiate trumpet ensembles, faculty trumpet ensembles and the featured commissioned work from Robert J. Bradshaw, "Fiat Lux! (Let there be Light!)," involving solo trumpet (Hagstrom), solo horn, the Student Intercollegiate Trumpet Ensemble, timpani, organ and MSU Concert Choir.

Events were free and open to the public because of a grant from the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning.

## 'Revolution, Reaction and Reform in History' studied

On March 23, the Minot State University Division of Social Science hosted Northwest Regional History Day. Students from area junior high and high schools presented



*Student brings history to life in her presentation*

their work, which focused on the theme of "Revolution, Reaction and Reform in History."

The competing students were questioned by a panel of judges. The judges were Department of History students and faculty.

Winners will advance to the State History Day competition April 13 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Ernst Pijning, professor of history, coordinated Northwest Regional History Day, which was rejuvenated last year after a four-year hiatus.

## Mark your calendar

- April 17 — Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning Engagement Fair, Student Center Atrium, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- April 23 — Earth Day at Minot State University.
- April 24 — Research Poster Session, Student Center Atrium, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- April 27 — MSU Alumni Association Gala, Holiday Inn-Riverside, 5:30 p.m.
- April 27-28 — Native American Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration, Dome
- May 11 — Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m.

## Wellness works

Jamuna Ahikari, a nursing student, wrote the following article:

### Colorectal cancer: Early screening leads to better prognosis

Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer among North Dakota men and women and the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. In North Dakota, an average of 405 new cases is diagnosed each year with an average of 139 deaths occurring annually due to colorectal cancer.

Colon cancer is a life-threatening condition that affects the large intestine and rectum. Colon cancer starts as an overgrowth of normal cells, called a polyps, in the colon wall, which can grow larger, and if left unchecked, can become cancerous and eventually spread to different parts of the body. Although colorectal cancer is symptomless in the beginning, people can experience blood in the stool, unexplained weight loss, pain and cramps in the stomach.

Although the exact cause of colon cancer is unknown, it tends to be hereditary and more prevalent among people 50 years and older. Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis, alcohol consumption and smoking may increase the risk of colon cancer. Screening is highly recommended for men and women 50 years and older for early detection and treatment. The earlier polyps are discovered and taken out, the better the chances of avoiding or even curing the cancer are. Some of the methods of colorectal screening include occult blood test to detect blood in the stool, barium enema to visualize abnormal cells in the colon and sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy to detect and remove polyps. Healthy eating habits like increasing dietary fiber, decreasing fat intake and reducing intake of alcohol improves colon health. In addition to healthy choices, early and routine screening will help reduce risk of colon cancer.

## Announcements

### ITAC sponsors classes

The Information Technology Advisor Committee scheduled classes for all faculty and staff. The classes are all located in Old Main 314:

- Beginning Access, April 10, 1–3 p.m., Kristi Berg
- Advanced Access, April 17, 1–3 p.m., Kristi Berg

To register for the classes, go to

<http://www.minotstateu.edu/rsvp/>. More classes may be added, so check back for availability.

For questions, contact 858-3989 or [amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu](mailto:amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu).

— *Amy Woodbeck, professional and community education coordinator*

## Tenure workshops

All probationary faculty should plan to attend one of two tenure workshops scheduled for the following dates and times:

- April 11 — Westlie Room, 10 a.m.
- April 12 — Jones Room, 12:30 p.m.

During these workshops, Tenure Committee members will provide information and advice to probationary faculty on the tenure standards and application process. This year, Tenure Committee members will also be available to discuss the new tenure language, which will be on the ballot at the annual faculty elections in April. Any questions can be directed to 858-3180 or [shaunanne.tangney@minotstateu.edu](mailto:shaunanne.tangney@minotstateu.edu).

— *ShaunAnne Tangney, Tenure Committee chair associate and English professor*

## Green Zone training offered

The Veterans Center developed a Green Zone training seminar to assist Minot State University staff and faculty in understanding student veterans and the possibility for assistance in completing their goals of a degree. The last seminar for spring semester will be April 11 in the Westlie Room, 8:30 a.m. More training sessions will follow in the fall.

A Green Zone is considered a safe place to a veteran. The student veteran will know that faculty and staff who have Green Zone placards have a basic understanding of some of the situations that may arise for the student veteran and if needed be able to provide assistance or referrals. The seminar will provide information on the Veterans Center and why student veterans are an integral part of Minot State University. Discussion will also include what Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury are and some of the signs and symptoms that may be seen in the classroom or office environment.

Please call Pam Hopkins, Veterans Center administrative assistant, at 858-4003 or [pam.hopkins@minotstateu.edu](mailto:pam.hopkins@minotstateu.edu) to confirm attendance.

— *David Klassy, Veterans Center director*

## In the galleries

March 22-April 24 — "Concrete Abstractions," photography by Ryan Stander, Grand Forks, Library Gallery.

April 13-May 3 — MSU juried student art show by MSU students with juror Paul Noot, Bismarck, Hartnet Gallery.

The public reception for the MSU juried student art show is April 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

## Faculty and staff achievements

*The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.*

Minot State University staff volunteered in the fifth annual North Dakota College Goal Sunday March 25. They helped college-bound students complete and submit college financial aid applications online.

MSU staff members were **Lindsey Benson**, **Merri Jo Connole**, **Dale Gehring**, **Kathy Nelson** and **Laurie Weber**, financial aid; **Tiffany Fylling**, POWER Center; **Pam Hopkins**, Veterans Center; **Kelly Lichtenberger**, math and computer science; and **George Withus**, Information Technology Central. Erika Gilbertson, Bishop Ryan High School, and Matt Benson, Town & Country Credit Union also assisted.

**John Girard**, professor of business administration, presented

“Empowering Knowledge Workers in the Arab World” and “Knowledge Sharing in a 2.0 World” at a knowledge-management event in the United Arab Emirates, March 13-14.

**Guy Hanley**, curator of collections and coleopterist, presented at the annual Minot Home and Garden Show March 3-4. Hanley spoke about invasive species monitoring within the city and gave homeowners information on early detection of emerald ash borer infestation. Minot has monitored insect activity in its urban forest for the past four years, resulting in a strong baseline understanding of the wood boring insect fauna within and around the city.

**Nancy Pearson**, instructor of communication arts, will have her idea, “Bring Your Cell Phone to Class,” published in Faith Mullen’s “Teaching Communication Creatively.” Mullen’s book will be used as a resource for the teachers and graduate students in Liberty University’s Communications Department. Pearson originally presented her idea at a National Communication Association convention.

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